

**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**May 22, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday after Pentecost**

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

*We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Please join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time after worship. **The Welcome Table** in Chapin Hall offers information about the church and members who can answer your questions. **Hearing devices** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is available down the hall in Room 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please wear your nametags. All announcements should be written down and given to the ushers or pastor prior to worship.

If you have a prayer request you would like read aloud for today's prayers, please fill out one of the prayer cards found in the friendship registration pads (your name is optional) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

PRELUDE

“Variations on Fairest Lord Jesus” Dave Hall
Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute; Gail Hall, clarinet; Dave Hall, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you have blessed us with all of creation and all that is good.

We praise you for this amazing world. We thank you for your Love.

Jesus, our Lord and Brother, you have blessed us with the example of your life and love.

We praise you, Jesus, for showing us how to live. We thank you for your Love.

Holy Spirit, Jesus told us he would send the Spirit of Truth to testify to him and to his Father. You are Wisdom for our journeys.

We praise you, Spirit of the Living God, for guiding us on our journeys. We thank you for your Love.

*HYMN

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” New Century (black) 273

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator God, Father and Mother of us all, you are present to us in all of creation. Your love for each person and all living things surpasses our understanding. Jesus, in your love you became flesh to share our humanity. In your life and your death on the cross you showed us how to live and how to love. In your resurrection, you give us hope. Holy Spirit, you were present at creation as the breath of God, at Jesus' baptism as a dove and at Pentecost as fire. From the beginning of time, you have encouraged and energized people. You have guided them in truth and love. Three in One God, you are mystery beyond our understanding. Yet, we believe that your essence is love that embraces all. We gather in worship this morning to share your love and to be renewed in spirit that our lives might be signs of your love.

We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first line of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has lyrics: "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

The second line of musical notation continues in the same 3/4 time and Bb key signature. It features a vocal line with lyrics: "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line includes a long note for "me." with a fermata, indicating a sustained sound.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)

“We Will Keep a Place For You”

by John Corrado



The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

ANTHEM

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

setting by Dale Wood

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4. 22-31

OT(Pew Bible) p553

John 16:12-15

NT (Pew Bible) p96

SERMON

“Let’s Talk Trinity”

Lisa Eleck

*HYMN

“Creator God, Creating Still”

New Century (black) 278

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory Duet

“Bist Du Bei Mir”(Abide with Me)

J.S. Bach

Gail Hall, clarinet; Dave Hall, cello

*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;



Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer

“Spirit of The Living God”

NC 283

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Craig Cowing

***HYMN**

“Womb of Life, and Source of Being”

Printed in Bulletin

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. Bach

LITURGIST

Sarah Degiovanni

USHERS

Deb Copes and Steve Smith, Anita Hawkins, Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Rhody and Grace Triblets

Special Thanks to Lisa Eleck, our Member in Discernment, for preaching today.

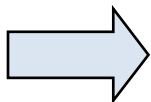
*Today's Flowers have been given in celebration of
Don's 70th Birthday
by Polly Pagnucco*

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. June 5	11:00am	Annual Meeting
Sun. June 12	10:00am	Children's Sunday

Governance Conversations

Many churches have been doing the work of looking at, and modifying, their governance structures, as we are now doing at RHCC.



There will be a weekday opportunity to discuss the new church governance proposal at 10am on Wednesday, May 25. All are welcome.

“He leads me beside quiet waters.”

— PSALM 23:2



*There will be a Memorial Service to honor the life of **Ramona Doten** on Saturday, May 28 at 11:30am, at Rocky Hill Congregational Church. Cards of Sympathy may be sent to: Todd and Caryn Doten, 61 Center St. Wethersfield, CT 06109.*

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for **Sunday, June 5, 2016** immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2015 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2016-17 budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
4. To conduct any additional business to come before the congregation.
5. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted;
Marsha Hoffman, Clerk

Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating? Or had you graduated sometime this past year? High school, college, a credited program? We would like to recognize your accomplishment on Sunday, June 12 during worship. Please contact the office and let Theresa know your name and the accomplishment at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org



We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to office@rhccucc.org.

Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about Worship and Events! www.facebook.com/rhccucc



Middle School Youth - Faith Formation

Sunday June 5 – 6pm-7:30pm

Celebration and Planning: This will be the last regularly scheduled meeting until the Fall, so we will celebrate with dinner and ice cream! And games! And some planning for June 12.

Sunday, June 12 – 10am Worship – Children's Sunday

We will give a presentation to the congregation about our trip to Heifer International's Overlook Farm.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, rhccucc.org (See WORSHIP BULLETINS) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.



Honor Your Loved Ones

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167)

NEWSLETTER MAILING

The June CHURCH MOUSE will be mailed this Tuesday, May 26.

Join a terrific speedy group of mailers in the Fiorilli Room beginning around 9:30am. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Refreshments are served.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Trustees are developing a project to replace the flooring in our Sanctuary. One option would be replacing the carpet with similar carpet, but there are other options such as wood or other hard surface flooring. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

**PROUD
NEW
GRANDPA**

Great Grandfathers!

Are you a new great-grandfather? Please let us add you to our list of wonderful men who have become great-grandfathers, and we will be honoring you during worship on Father's Day.

Contact the office at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHURCH FAIR

Please help in making the 2016 Church Fair one of the best. We need members to offer to volunteer or donate items for the booths. Any amount of time you can volunteer would be appreciated. Any volunteer will not be expected to stay the whole day. Please contact one of the Committee Members to volunteer or donate something. The Committee welcomes all members of the church to attend the committee meetings to share their ideas, with no obligation expected. Please feel free to contact any committee member for the time and date of the next meeting. Your Events Committee (formerly the Fair Committee): Peter Alessi-Chairman, Holly Alessi, Jean Goff, Ruth Jensen, Lynn McKenna, Candy Smith, Joan Tennyson, Nancy Harlow

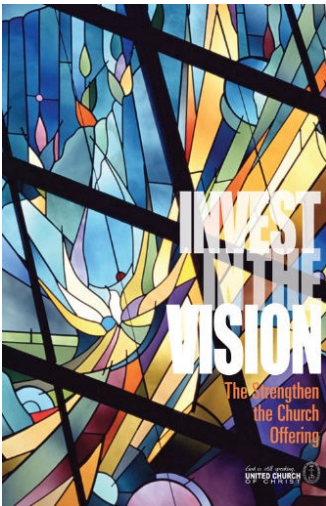


Silver Lake Open House May. 22, 2:00pm

Silver Lake staff, counselors, and deans are ready to introduce you to camp! Take a tour on foot or hop on the hayride. See cabins and winterized buildings, find out where the Freds are, and check out the ropes courses and the waterfront. A visit to Silver Lake before camp is the best way for a first-time conferee to know what to expect — you might even run into a new friend who will be in the same conference this summer! We'll provide the cookies, you bring your questions. See you there! Free

Contact: Jennifer Kronholm Clark jennc@ctucc.org

Silver Lake Conference Center 223 Low Rd. Sharon CT 06069 860-364-5526



Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message. The offering will be collected on Sunday, June 19.

SCRIP-SURE



*What is it? Scrip-sure is a **fundraising program** for our church, which allows the regular shopping we do at a variety of retailers to generate income for the church. How? Participating retailers sell gift certificates or gift cards to our church at a discount. Church members buy the certificates for full face value and redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. Everybody wins! The retailers get our business, and our church gets a regular source of revenue that involves nothing other than what we would all be doing anyway – shopping/spending at grocery stores, drugstores, restaurants, gas stations, and many other businesses, including online retailers*

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards typically available:

- Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, Westside Marketplace, Whole Foods
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Restaurants: Bertucci's, Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Denny's, Olive Garden, On the Border, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Toys R Us, Walmart

Today is the deadline for placing orders for cards not kept in inventory. Cards ordered today will be available for delivery on Sunday, May 29. You may turn in your order at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning, or email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org by tonight.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and "Covenant-to-Care for Children" through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries (food pantry) or other retail stores (CC). For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries or clothing. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

See **Gail Hall** at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered. Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

May 22

10:00am **Worship**

4:00pm Siragu Tamil School

May 23

6:00 pm **LSPreschool**

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

May 24

6:00pm Cedar Hollow

7:15pm **Governance Ad Hoc**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

May 25

10:00am **Governance Talk**

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

May 26

9:30am Toddler Music

7:30pm Men's AA

May 27

10:00am **West Hill Field Trip**

May 28

11:30am *Ramona Doten Memorial Service - Sanctuary*

Sunday

Sanctuary

Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27

Monday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

Loft

Tuesday

Room 23

Fiorilli

Room 25

Wednesday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

Choir Room

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

Friday

Sanctuary

Saturday

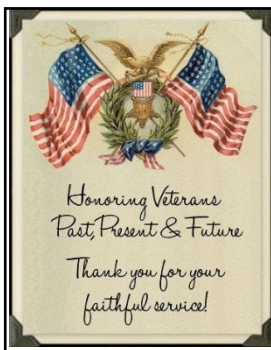


May 22	Louise Butts
May 24	Jackson McNally
May 25	Bob Hamilton
	Lisa Eleck
	James McLean
May 27	Priscilla Lexa
	Doug Elliot
May 28	Don Pagnucco
	Stephanie Kelley

CHURCH GOVERNANCE WED, MAY 25, 10AM

There will be a weekday opportunity to discuss the new church governance proposal at 10am on Wednesday, May 25. All are welcome.

Office will be closed Monday, May 30th



THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m.!

Anyone wishing to help out that day see a member of the Events Committee. It is a fun two-hour community event and you have a great location to watch the parade!

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Church Website: rhccucc.org
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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Open and Affirming Statement

Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is a unifying and strengthening force within our Christian Faith,

We, the members of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children into God's covenantal community. As we grow together in faith and love, we will strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created us.

Approved by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

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